REMARKS

Claims 1 - 19 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 7, 8 and 11 are allowed. Claims 1-6, 9, 10 and 12-19 are rejected. Claims 4, 7, 8 and 11 have been amended. Claims 1-19 remain. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

It is asserted in the Action that Claims 4, 7, 8 and 11 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In response, Applicant has amended Claims 4, 7, 8 and 11 responsive to the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Approval is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims pending for examination, namely claims 1-19 are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR, & ZAFMAN

Dated:

12400 Wilshire Boulevard Seventh Floor Los Angeles, California 90025 (310) 207-3800

Eric Myman, Reg. No. 30,139

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class Mail. With Sufficient Postage, In An Envelope Addressed To: Mail Stop Amendments, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box-14\$0, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450